



ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 9.

EX-SENATOR SPOONER says "the standard of honor was never higher in the U. S. Senate than it is to-day." And yet Mr. Spooner knows that the president pro tem. of the Senate was forced to return \$5,000 he received for improperly rated pension, that two of the republican Senators, by the consent of their republican colleagues, held seats to which they are not entitled, that another one of them was proved to be a party to the silver pool, and that the other republican members put a bounty on maple sugar solely for the purpose of securing the re-election of another one. If the standard of Senatorial honor were never higher than it is now, that the long prevalent idea on that subject is grossly erroneous.

AND NOW France has threatened to retaliate in kind for the tariff the repudiated republican Congress of this country has imposed upon French products. One of the republican members of the last Congress said this country "could get along" pretty well without any foreign trade. It looks now very much as if the truth of his statement would be put to the test. But if it should be, the American farmers would be in a terrible condition, for the sale of the surplus of their products, already restricted by the tariff, would then be confined entirely to the glutted home market, and the price thereof be still further reduced. "Free trade and farmers rights" should henceforth be the democratic battle cry.

REPRESENTATIVE McMillin of Tennessee, one of those spoken of as the possible successor of Mr. T. B. Reed, says no previous House felt so large an unfinished calendar as the last one. It is hoped, and believed, that the first thing the large democratic majority in the next House will do, after it shall have organized that House, will be to abolish the Reed rules, which, it has been demonstrated, do not expedite the transaction of business, and restore the House to the condition of a deliberative body, in which the small republican minority will exercise all of its constitutional, just and prescriptive rights.

At a Parnell meeting at Newry, Ireland, yesterday, an anti-Parnellite, who waved a copy of the Bishop's pastoral letter, was seized by the crowd and forced to kneel and eat the paper on which that letter was printed, in order to avoid worse punishment. If things go on in this way much longer, Ireland will cease to be known as a Catholic country.

MR. T. B. REED was a phenomenal failure as presiding officer of the U. S. House of Representatives, but that he would be a success as a merchant, is indicated by his remark, at the banquet given to him in New York last week, "that advertisement is the absolute prerequisite to the sale of goods."

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9 1890.  
EX-CONGRESSMAN Langston was at the Capitol to-day. He says he will speak to his constituents in Petersburg next Wednesday night and give them an account of his stewardship. He will also attend the coming convention of republican clubs of his State. He says that while that convention will not attempt to change the present organization of the party in Virginia, the matter of that organization will probably be formally considered there. Regarding that reorganization and the talk of appointment of ex-Mayor Lamb of Norfolk as chairman of the State committee, vice General Mahone, he says that so far as he knows nothing has been definitely done as yet. Col. Lamb, he says, invited him to come into the Norfolk district last fall and speak. He also says that no reorganization will be effective that shall not recognize the principle that the majority shall rule, whether it be white or black.

It is understood that Judge Scfield of the Court of Claims, who is now near the retiring age, will avail himself of the consequent privilege and resign as soon as that shall arrive, and that ex-Congressman McComas of Maryland, who does not think the new judge for the Virginia circuit will be taken, is doing his best to be appointed to Judge Scfield's place.

The following changes in the 4th class postoffices of Virginia were made to-day: Pearce, Bedford county, O. L. Feagans, registered postmaster; vice E. L. Sneed, resigned; Sweet Chalmers, Alleghany county, O. F. Eitzen, vice J. E. Kelly, deceased; Weldon, Pittsylvania county, S. Hairston, vice A. S. Berger, resigned.

It is probable that no definite action will be taken in the matter of changing the cavalry troops at Fort Myer, Alexandria county, Virginia, until the return of Secretary Prentiss from his proposed southern trip. He has, however, notified Colonel Carpenter, who is in command at the fort, that the troops now there must be ready to move by the first of May. The question remaining to be decided is as to the identity of the troops that are to succeed those of the cavalry now at the post. Negro troops are to come, but from what regiments has not yet been decided.

Major G. M. Macgregor has resigned his position as chief of the customs division of the treasury department and has been appointed an immigrant inspector for duty at Puget Sound, Washington, temporarily.

The President left Washington this afternoon for a few days duck shooting on Chesapeake Bay near Bengie, Md. He was accompanied by ex-Senator Sewell of New Jersey.

Intelligence here to-day from Hayti is to the effect that the government of that country will not grant a coaling station to the United States, that the continued presence of American naval ships there is disagreeable to the natives, and that though the American admiral did invite the negro President aboard his ship, he did so directly, and not

through the medium of Fred Douglas, the American Minister.

Representative Houk of Tennessee, republican, says he has had a talk with the President on the subject of the appointment of the new judges, but in it received no intimation as to who would be appointed or when the appointments would be made. He is certain, however, that they will be made before the time prescribed by the bill for the organization of the new courts, and that there will be, nor need be, any necessity for an extra session of the Senate to confirm their nomination, as they can enter upon their duties on the day of their appointment, and without any confirmation until the next session of the Senate shall reassemble in regular term.

It is reported here to-day that as the Richmond and Danville Railroad has no coal of its own, but has to buy all it needs from the Chesapeake and Ohio, it will, or rather should, in its own interests, be compelled to produce its line to the nearest coal country, and that therefore a road from the upper end of the Manassas division, to the coal fields of West Virginia, not fifty miles away, may soon be expected. It is also said that since the defeat of the bill to admit the Norfolk and Western Railroad into this city, the surveying party employed by that road in locating a line from here toward Rivertown has been discharged.

#### The Appellate Courts.

The act of Congress recently passed creating the Appellate Courts divides the country into nine districts and names the places in each in which the courts shall be held. This circuit is composed of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the two Carolinas. The act names Richmond as the place at which the court shall meet. It may, however, be held at other points in the circuit.

Dispatches from Washington intimate that President Harrison, as they cannot be confirmed in the vacation of the Senate, will not appoint the new appellate judges until December. It is also said that the President may call an extra session of the Senate to confirm the new judges.

The law provides that the courts shall be organized on June 1st, 1891. If not organized by that time the Chief Justice or any other Justice of the Supreme Court may designate a subsequent date.

The jurisdiction of these new courts will extend to many cases which now find their way into the Supreme Court. In certain cases in which the judges fail to agree they may ask the Supreme Court for its written opinion. A dissent has been made to the wholesale withdrawal of jurisdiction from the Supreme Court by the new law creating the circuit courts of appeal. It is understood that Mr. Edwards, chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, has declared the bill to be unconstitutional. He is reported to have communicated his views to the members of the Supreme Court, and that they contemplate a thorough examination of its provisions preliminary to the expression of an opinion on the subject. Should the report prove correct and the justice of the Supreme Court decide that the bill proposes to take from their jurisdiction conferred by the constitution it will of course go to place and prospective judges will have to look for some other employment.

COAL OUTPUT.—The coal mines of the State of Maryland have been worked for about 50 years, or since 1840. Since that time more than 66 millions of tons of bituminous coal have been mined, and sold principally on the seaboard for the coaling of steamships. In 1889 there were 31 coal mines engaged in mining and shipping coal, while 49 small operators supplied the local trade. Coal that was worth \$1.16 per ton at the mines, in 1889, had fallen in value in 1889 to \$5.61-10 cents per ton, or a decline of 26.21 per cent. Of the total output of the Maryland coal mines in 1889 the quantity loaded at mines for shipment on railroad cars or boats represented 98.15 per cent.; the quantity used by employees or sold to local trade amounted to 1.50 per cent, while 0.35 per cent was used for steam and heat at the mines. From 1870 to 1889, inclusive, the George's Creek, or Cumberland region of Maryland, shipped about 42 million tons of coal. Of this amount 46.61 per cent was shipped between 1870 and 1879 and 53.39 per cent between 1880 and 1889. Of 39 coal mines in Maryland, the product of 22 is shipped by the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The George's Creek and Cumberland Railroad move the product of seven mines, while one depends upon the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The small coal banks, 49 in number, are all located in Allegany and Garrett counties.

A FRIEND ROBBER.—A fine-finish attempt at murder and arson, with a brilliant attempt to commit robbery, was made in Nyack, N. Y., at 1 o'clock Saturday morning. The unfortunate victims are Mrs. Bridget Armstrong, an aged and respected woman, and her daughter Clara, about 18 years old. Jesse Storrs, a young man, obtained admission to the house but was discovered by the mistress of the house, who tried to seize him, at the same time making an outcry. Storrs shot on the floor the cowardly ruffian brutally kicked her in the side. Mrs. Armstrong's daughter Clara appeared on the scene and Storrs fired at her, the bullet taking effect in the chin. He then fled from the house. He felt in Mrs. Armstrong's bosom for cash, but did not find any. He threw a lighted lamp on the bed, and the house nearly turned down. The daughter, badly wounded as she was, ran a long distance in her night clothes for a physician and the police. Storrs was subsequently arrested.

AN OLD COUPLE MURDERED.—The story of a terrible double murder comes from Tours, France. About a week ago a wealthy aged couple named Delhomme, residing in that city, mysteriously disappeared, and their neighbors, thinking there was something wrong, notified the police, who forced the doors of the old couple's house, when the discovery was made that a horrible crime had been committed. Both the man and his wife had been brutally murdered, and the house stripped of everything of value that could be conveniently carried away. The bodies of the aged victims presented a ghastly appearance, the bodies had been driven by hags to feed upon the corpses, large portions of which had been devoured by the animals. No arrests have as yet been made.

REED ENJOYS A FRISKY DANCE.—After enjoying the delights of the Federal Club dinner in New York on Friday night, Ex-Speaker Tom Reed was escorted to a private studio in that city at one o'clock Saturday morning to witness the great Spanish skirt dance, Carmencita, exact a measure of her enchanting performance. As the charming dancer swayed and twisted and whirled over the improvised stage, the face of the "Czar" was lighted with a smile that left no trace of Congressional exasperation. The room was but dimly lighted, and when the graceful woman before him posed and shrugged the big man from "Spain" looked as though he were about to faint. A woman was in the balance as he weighed against the enjoyment of seeing the great Carmencita.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY.

Yellow fever is spreading in Brazil.

Brooklyn has appointed a colored policeman.

Elen Mery, supposed to have been a young woman lion tamer from America, was torn to pieces on Friday by the wild beasts at the menagerie performance in Chemnitz.

The North Carolina Legislature has about wound up its business. It redistricted the State, making eight democratic and one republican district, and appropriated \$25,000 for an exhibit at the world's fair and \$10,000 for a geological survey.

In Baltimore on Saturday Judge Dennis entered a decree granting Mrs. Annie Thomas Wheat an absolute divorce from Mr. Thomas M. Wheat. Mrs. Wheat is given the custody of her two children and Mr. Wheat is to pay her \$500 a year for their education and support.

The house of John Babcock at Bay Roberts, N. F., was burned on Saturday. Mrs. Babcock went through the flames six times for her children, rescuing one each time, and then she had to leave one to its fate and jump, breaking one of her legs. She and several of the rescued children were severely burned.

Emperor William's dissatisfaction with his Chancellor, Von Caprivi, is increasing, and now the Emperor blames him and Admiral Hollman for the defeat of his cherished idea for a grand navy. It is reported that the Emperor contemplates a more vigorous foreign policy, and with that object in view has opened communication with Bismarck.

Bishops Joyce and Hurst, of the Northern Methodist church, ordained deacons and elders in Washington yesterday. The two important features of Saturday's session of the Baltimore Conference in Washington were the selection of Madison Avenue church, Baltimore, as the next place to hold the conference, and the establishment, by a vote, of the principle that no candidate shall be elected to elders' orders unless he has passed the examination of the proper conference committee.

The steamer Eurymia, which sailed from Queenstown on Saturday for New York, had among her passengers Messrs. James O'Kelly, John Raymond, John O'Connor and Henry Harrison, members of Parliament, who are on their way to America to raise money as representatives of Mr. Parnell. The Parnellite crowd met with a hostile reception from the anti-Parnellites. The efforts of the former encountered so much resistance that four attempts which they made to present an address to the delegates proved ineffectual. The disorder culminated in the Parnellites attacking their opponents with blackthorns. The police intervened, and the Parnellites were finally enabled to present their address. Delegate O'Connor's speech of thanks for the address was interrupted throughout.

#### VIRGINIA NEWS.

Snow fell at Leesburg on Friday to the depth of nine inches.

The March term of the Circuit Court of Loudoun began in Leesburg to-day.

There was an exhibition of about forty of the most celebrated stallions of Loudoun county, in Leesburg to-day.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company will establish car shops at Newport News.

Col. Wm. Lamb denies the rumor that Gen. Mahone is to resign the chairmanship of the Virginia republican State committee.

E. Buford Grymes, clerk of the Richmond city treasurer's office, who was arrested several days ago, charged with embezzlement of the public funds, was on Saturday sent to the grand jury. He was bailed in the sum of \$5,000.

The Episcopalians of Leesburg are preparing to build a new edifice. It will be a one-story structure, 50x104 feet, and in Romanesque style. A belfry is one of the prominent features, and a Sunday-school annex will adjoin it.

D. F. Kagg and J. W. Miller, the Luray bankers who failed in business last December upon warrants sworn out by various depositors in the bank. They were taken to Luray that evening in custody of Sheriff Chapman and deputies. A preliminary examination was waived, and they were bailed in sum of \$20,000 for their appearance at the March court.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Loudoun Live Stock Exhibition Society, was held in Leesburg on Saturday when the following officers were elected: President, Dr. C. S. Carter; vice presidents, Henry Fairfax and J. H. Alexander; secretary, H. C. Seim; treasurer, N. S. Parrell. The annual exhibition will be held August 25, 26 and 27. The society is entirely out of debt, with a balance in the treasury of \$849.29.

#### Decoyed to his Death.

Further facts have come to light regarding the murder of Dr. Liedermann, whose body was found in a ravine near San Ramo, Italy, and who was at first supposed either to have committed suicide, or to have fallen by accident down the ravine. Dr. Liedermann was a German, and formerly resided in Manchester, England. In December last he engaged quarters at the National Hotel, at San Ramo, and paid frequent visits to Monte Carlo. Subsequently, two Germans joined the doctor at the hotel, and all three departed together, by rail, on December 29. On the evening of the same day the two Germans returned to the hotel without Liedermann. In response to inquiries, they explained that Liedermann had suddenly become insane, and had been placed in confinement in an asylum. The night the two Germans left the hotel, without having given notice of their departure. The body of Dr. Liedermann was afterward found as described. The spine of the murdered man was broken, and the body punctured by a pin similar to those used in picking cards at the gaming tables at Monte Carlo. The pockets of the dead man had been rifled. It was evidently the intention of the murderers to give the idea that the deceased had been ruined by gambling at Monte Carlo, and that in desperation he had committed suicide. After fruitless attempts to unravel the mystery the San Ramo police sent a photograph of the dead man to the officials of Monte Carlo. The police of the latter place remembered having seen the deceased gambler in company with a reputed Polish countess and her German paramour, and the woman and her companion were arrested and sent to San Ramo. The theory of the police is that the alleged countess decoyed the unfortunate doctor to her room, where he suffered a fatal illness to that of the victim of Erynd in Paris. It is not at all certain that the so-called countess's companion was the actual murderer, the police being inclined to the belief that a large gang are implicated in the crime.

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#### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A car containing a large amount of baggage and mail from Chicago was burned at midnight last night near Craneyville, N. Y.

The Berwittier Manufacturing Company, contracting builders and sash, door and blind manufacturers at Grand Crosson, Ill., this morning made an assignment. Liabilities \$60,000.

About six o'clock this morning 25 or 30 Polish Jews, went from New York to Jamaica, L. I., and raided the store of a fellow countryman, assaulting his little daughter by pouring vitriol over her. The Jamaica merchant is a cloak manufacturer and the raiders alleged he was employing scab help and cutting prices.

The Fayerweather will contest has been brought to a sudden close in New York. The case has been settled and the oil-joints withdrawn. Ex-Surrogate Rollins declines to say upon what basis the matter was settled. Surrogate Ransom, in admitting the will to probate, remarked that the allegation of undue influence had not been sustained.

After taking some evidence in New York this morning concerning Robert Ray Hamilton, Surrogate Ransom gave immediate judgment in the noted contest over the will of Hamilton by Evangeline L. Mann in which he declared legally that Hamilton is dead and then admitted the will to probate.

At Arthur City, Texas, Saturday night Wm. Jackson had been drinking and his brother John lectured him on his conduct. William resented the lecture, and in the row which followed he shot his brother through the neck with a rifle, killing him instantly.

Anxiety exists regarding the safety of the four masted schooner William Neely from Baltimore for New York which was in collision on the morning of the 6th instant off Fenwick Island, with the three masted schooner John C. Gregory.

Harvey Barker, aged 17, yesterday, at Pittsburgh, displayed a revolver in Sunday school, and in the afternoon Frankie Smith, aged 12 years, wanted to see it work. It worked, and Barker fell dead, shot through the brain.

Dispatches from points throughout Minnesota, northern Iowa, central Illinois, southern Wisconsin and eastern Nebraska report that the severest snow storm of the winter raged Saturday night and all day Sunday.

The Emerald Branch of the Irish Land League met at Louisville last night and adopted a resolution that they would give no money or other aid to either of the factions of the National Party in Great Britain.

Severe storms are reported from various points in Texas, and sleet and snow has done considerable damage to fruit trees, &c. The first snow at Palestine, Texas, for three years fell yesterday.

Two of a crowd of boys who were walking on the railroad track near Penn Haven, Pa., yesterday, were struck by a train and killed.

A disastrous conflagration visited Shelbyville Tenn., yesterday and several stores were burned. The loss is estimated at \$53,000.

The printing house of Gibson, Miller & Richardson at Omaha, Neb., was destroyed by fire this morning, loss \$100,000.

The epidemic of trichinosis in the German settlement at Ida Grove, Iowa, continues, and more deaths have occurred.

Benjamin H. Paddock, Episcopal Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, died in Boston to-day.

The great Scotch steel making concern of Goodwins & Jardine is to go into liquidation.

RAILROAD WRECK AND FIRE.—The Jacksonville passenger train over the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe, which left Topeka, Ill., at 1:30 yesterday morning, met with a terrible accident at Havana, forty-one miles south of there. The train consisted of baggage car, coach, chair car and two sleepers. At Havana there is a sharp curve a mile and a half from the station. The engine struck the curve at the switch and left the track. All the cars followed, piling up in great confusion. The half-greased passenger car clambered out of the windows and through the roofs of the demolished cars, and hastened, barefooted, through the sleet and over the icy roads for the nearest houses. The passengers who were in the coach extricated the injured. Under the engine was a fireman, who was instantly killed. By the side of the engine was Engineer George Birkenhead, with one arm and leg cut off. Eight or more others were more or less injured. The wreck immediately took fire and burned with great rapidity. It was with the utmost difficulty that some of the passengers were rescued, and one or two were severely burned. The loss to the company, including the death and accident claims, will not fall short of \$100,000. An unusually small list of passengers were aboard this train. The people in the sleepers were not injured.

MOTHER AND SON FOUND DEAD.—Hannah McWilliams, aged seventy years, and her son David, about thirty-five years old, who had led a miserable existence near the centre of Philadelphia, were found dead in their home yesterday. The neighbors had not seen them around for several days and notified the police, who broke open the door of the house and found mother and son stiff in death. Everything in the house was of the most filthy character, although the McWilliamses were well to do, owning five houses in Mulberry street and five others in another locality, and in addition to this property had a substantial bank account. The mother and son lived like hermits in the house in which they died, never communicating with their neighbors or allowing any of them to cross their threshold. The police say both died from natural causes.

THE DIRECT TAX BILL.—By act of Congress, approved August 5, 1861, the United States undertook to raise from the citizens of the various States the sum of \$20,000,000, exacting from each State the amount which its citizens might be required to contribute, and leaving to the State the task of collecting from its citizens what they were required to contribute. This new act, approved March 4, 1891, returns to the State—not to the citizens—the sums which they contributed. The act does not refund the internal revenue tax, and does not refund the income tax collected during the war. This latter tax, the Supreme Court has decided, is not a direct tax.

ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM CRAZY.—John B. Ransley was committed to Longview Asylum, at Cincinnati yesterday. A sad feature of the matter is that Mr. Ransley and Miss Edith Speer entered into a written contract to marry at a period two years hence. Her father is a well known patentee. He is now engaged in Wall street, New York city. He has made extravagant arrangements for the wedding ceremony, including the furnishing of a number of horses to be carried to the feast and gorgeous dresses to be worn by the participants.

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#### ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

##### Foreign News.

OTTAWA, March 9.—Queen Victoria has given a donation to the fund for the relief of the sufferers from the recent disaster at the Spring Hill mines.

ROME, March 9.—The physicians in attendance upon Prince Jerome Napoleon have informed the family that a fatal issue to his illness is only a question of a few hours. The Prince refuses the administration of the sacraments.

PARIS, March 9.—One of the features of the spectacle of Nero, to be presented at the hippodrome, is an attack by a number of lions upon wooden figures representing human beings. At the conclusion of to-day's drillings, Seets, the trainer, managed to cage five of the lions, and then turned his attention to one rebellious animal, who refused to enter his cage. Arming himself with a lance he tried to subdue the refractory lion, but lost hold of his lance, and before he could regain possession of it the lion sprang upon him, buried him to the floor, and bit him in a most horrible manner. As a man's gallantly attacked the lion, fighting a severe wound on the head and drove the animal into its cage. The latest reports are that Seets is in a dying condition.

DUBLIN, March 9.—The Times to-day commenting upon the Parnell embassies to the United States, says that O'Kelly is an ex-Fenian, O'Connor is classed as a man brought from the "rat-holes of conspiracy," and Rodman is dubbed an avowed adherent of the "barr without the crown."

ROME, March 9.—The *Moniteur de Rome*, in an article on the school question in the United States, says that it is the principal Catholic question in America, and, although burlesquely delicate, it does not believe that it will lead to a conflict between the Catholics and the civil authorities. The paper adds that it has confidence in the wisdom of the Catholics and in the spirit of justice and toleration of the American civil powers, and says that a Kulturkampf is impossible in the United States.

MANCHESTER, March 9.—The Manchester corporation has decided to advance the sum of £250,000 to complete the canal which is to connect Manchester with the sea.

DUBLIN, March 9.—Michael Conslane who was charged with the "moonlight" murder of Bridget Flanagan at Clare, county Clare, has been acquitted, and other persons charged with participating in the murder were discharged.

##### Her Life for Her Husband's.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—Mrs. Nell Nelson, a young married woman of 19, was murdered at midnight Saturday night in Carrollton, a suburb of New Orleans, by Philip Baker, her husband's clerk. Nelson and Baker were settling up the accounts of the store for the week when they got into a quarrel over money matters. The clerk knocked his employer down, and was about to stab him with a knife when Mrs. Nelson, hearing the struggle, rushed from her room in her bare feet and night dress. Although she is slender, and was in delicate health, she grasped Baker's arm just as the knife was descending. While Baker was struggling with the woman, who clung desperately to him, Nelson staggered to his feet, and instead of assisting his wife, either in flight or dazed by the blow which had felled him, rushed from the store into the street calling for help. At that hour of the night it was some time before he could get aid. Fifteen minutes later when he entered the house with an officer and several citizens, they found Mrs. Nelson stone dead at the foot of the stairs with her throat cut and her head almost severed from the body. She had staggered only a few feet from the spot where she had grasped the murderer, Baker, in the meanwhile had gone to his room in the same building, changed his clothes, and escaped. Mrs. Nelson had been married only six months. She was handsome and very popular.

##### Strange Affair.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 9.—Robert Brown, late secretary of the School Board and a well known man about town, at two o'clock yesterday morning entered Mrs. N. W. Smith's boarding house, by means of a latch key. He was passing through the room occupied by Joseph D. Stinson, Mrs. Smith's son, when the latter was awakened and called out, "Who is there?" Receiving no answer, and thinking it was a burglar, he fired six shots at the man, who immediately dashed through his mother's room and out the front door into the street. Brown then ran into the street, took a cab and was driven to the residence of his physician, who says he was accompanied by a woman who claimed to be his wife. Upon examination it was found that two of Stinson's bullets had taken effect—one in the left breast, passing entirely through the body; the other in the back. Brown was then driven to the hospital, accompanied by the woman, and then to his residence. He is believed to be fatally wounded. He refused to give any details of the affair, but said he would make a full statement when he grew stronger. Brown is a widower, with several children. What was doing in Mrs. Smith's house is a matter for conjecture. All attempts to locate the mysterious woman have thus far been unsuccessful.

##### High Water.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 9.—The phenomenal rise in the river continues, and at 6 o'clock this morning the gauge read 46.1 feet, a rise since Friday morning of 25.6 feet. Much damage has been done. Probably between 1,500 and 2,000 people have been driven from their homes and goods in warehouses and cellars have suffered much damage. Merchants were busy all day removing goods from cellars and warehouses near the wharf to higher ground. It is estimated that there are between 800 and 500 families in the city that have been driven from their homes by the high water. The reports

from all points on the river show that it is rising everywhere, and the fullness of the Ohio and Mississippi will prevent the Cumberland from running down as rapidly as it otherwise would.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 9.—Very heavy rains prevailed throughout this section yesterday and last night and all streams are out of banks.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 9.—The Tennessee river at this point has reached the danger line and is rising three inches per hour. Experienced river men predict that it will reach at least 45 feet, which will overflow much of the city, cut off several railroads, and for a time suspend the operations of several manufacturing plants.

##### Virginia Coupon Cases.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 9.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day dismissed three cases of Callan, Gregory and Lawson, respectively, against Bransford, treasurer of the city of Lynchburg, and Litchford vs. Day, sergeant of Lynchburg, involving in one form or another the old tax coupon controversy. The cases were dismissed by the Court of Appeals of Virginia upon the ground that the matters involved were purely pecuniary and that the amount in controversy in each case was less than sufficient to give the court jurisdiction. This court takes the same view, holding that it is governed by facts found by the lower court. The court denied without prejudice similar motions in cases of Jones vs. the Commonwealth, Malan vs. Bransford and Dillard vs. Moorman, treasurer, on the ground that motion papers were not sufficiently explicit. The court dismissed four coupon cases between individuals and representatives of the city of Lynchburg on the ground that the pecuniary matters were involved and that the amounts in controversy were not sufficient to bring the case before the court. In three other cases motions to dismiss were denied without prejudice because the papers were not sufficiently explicit.

##### Mr. Cleveland Lost His Case.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The U. S. Supreme Court to-day affirmed judgment of the Circuit Court of the U. S. for eastern district of Louisiana in the case of James Wallace Peake et al. appellants vs. City of New Orleans. This is the New Orleans drainage case in which ex-President Cleveland was one of the counsel for appellants. Decision of court was against parties who Mr. Cleveland represented, though Justice Harlan, Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Lamar dissented in the opinion read by Justice Harlan.

##### A Terrible Tragedy.

BATTVILLE, Ind., March 9.—Yesterday John Diescher, a well known hotel keeper of this place, while drunk and mad with jealousy shot his wife in the head, inflicting a serious wound. Diescher then placed the revolver at the back of his three year old daughter Myrtle and shot her through the heart, and then shot his cook, Maria Jones, hitting her in the back and inflicting a flesh wound. While a crowd which had quickly gathered in the parlor was attending the wounded, Diescher re-entered and fell dead on the floor, having cut his throat with a case knife.

##### A Lynching Foreshadowed.

DARVILL, Va., March 9.—This city is greatly excited over a fiendish attempt at outrage yesterday by a white man named R. T. Blankenship on the person of little Muriel Wells, his wife's niece. Mrs. Wells discovered the villain, at a moment in time to rescue the child. Blankenship escaped and has not yet been caught. The people are highly incensed and if caught Blankenship will be dealt with without mercy.

##### Abducted.

CHICAGO, Mich. 9.—Miss Tillie Mowrey, a pretty little woman, was forcibly kidnapped on Saturday by two unknown men, thrust into a carriage and driven to the depot in time to catch the train for Wisconsin. The deed was committed in broad daylight and in full view of hundreds of people, but no one seemed to realize at once that a crime was being committed. Mrs. Mowrey is scarcely 19 years old, but has been twice married. Her first husband, from whom she was divorced, was Hubert Secord, of Packwaukee, Wis. He is said to have been writing letters importuning her to return to him. A telegram, signed with the abducted woman's name, was received by her parents last night. The message was dated Englewood, Wis., and said "her friends" had taken her away.

A WIFE AT THE PISTOL POINT.—J. M. Woods, registered as from New York, has been at the Leaside Hotel, St. Louis, for several days spending large sums of money and paying marked attention to the chorus girls of Pauline Hall's company. He said that he is the son of a wealthy Scotch merchant, who had written him to come home and bring an American wife, and that he was now in St. Louis to that respect. Miss Stubbs refused and Wood put a pistol to her head and tried to compel her to promise to marry him. Her screams brought assistance, and Wood was ejected from the hotel.

Judge Bnea, of the Hastings Court of Erie, Pa., has rendered a decision declaring unconstitutional an act of the Virginia Assembly prohibiting the running of freight trains on Sunday.

A French pair of Siamese twins has been born in Caen, France. They are girls.